

Program C: Motor Carrier Registration

Program Authorization: Louisiana Revised Statutes 45:162-180 et seq

Program Description

Provides fair and impartial regulations of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. Be responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana in interstate commerce.

Administer the rules and orders of the Commission to assure the public of safe and dependable transportation services. Protect the consumer and carriers against unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory rates and charges. Enhance consistency in interpretation, application and enforcement of regulatory/administrative functions. Ensure compliance with established tariffs and rates. More effective enforcement activities to improve carrier compliance with regulatory requirements.

The division provides for the regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. It provides staff support to the Commission in the enforcement of motor carrier laws that are designed to assure the public of safe, dependable transportation services. Also, responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana in interstate commerce. Participates in the Single State Registration System (SSRS) whereby each vehicle is required to carry in its cab a copy of a current receipt issued by the base registration state. A registration period is from January 1 through December 31 and is renewable for a fee each year.

Administrative Section: Processes paperwork necessary for a company to engage legally in transportation services within and through the state, receives, examines and docket applications for operating rights, changes in rules or regulations, discontinuance or changes in services or facilities; processes other matters requiring a hearing and interprets operating authorities and offers advice to those seeking to engage in transportation services. Also responsible for analysis and reporting of cases to the Commission, before and after hearings, preparation of orders after a decision by the Commission, service of orders and compliance and offering specialized testimony before the Commission or court. Records of liability and cargo insurance filings on interstate and intrastate common and contract for-hire motor carriers are maintained by this staff. Staff also takes and processes complaints by shippers, receivers and carriers.

Enforcement Section: Operates in the field on a statewide basis and is concerned with compliance regarding the rates, services and practices of motor carriers operating in, to, and through the state in intrastate/interstate commerce. These enforcement officers work at highway weigh scales and conduct road checks along the highway. When violations are detected, a violation ticket is issued by the officer and an appearance bond is collected. The officer will appear at the hearing and give sworn testimony regarding the violation. Complaints received from carriers regarding possible violations by another carrier are also handled by these enforcement officers.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	1,119,429	1,215,763	1,215,763	1,193,658	1,225,465	9,702
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$1,119,429	\$1,215,763	\$1,215,763	\$1,193,658	\$1,225,465	\$9,702
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$707,789	\$748,335	\$748,335	\$761,681	\$731,214	(\$17,121)
Other Compensation	0	12,200	12,200	12,200	12,200	0
Related Benefits	144,205	154,208	154,208	156,413	152,011	(2,197)
Total Operating Expenses	211,011	217,445	217,445	222,664	198,645	(18,800)
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	0	0	0	18,800	18,800
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	56,424	83,575	83,575	40,700	112,595	29,020
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$1,119,429	\$1,215,763	\$1,215,763	\$1,193,658	\$1,225,465	\$9,702
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	26	26	26	26	26	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	26	26	26	26	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers and contract carriers. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering this program. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.)

	ACTUAL	ACT 12	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	\$1,119,429	\$1,215,763	\$1,215,763	\$1,193,658	\$1,225,465	\$9,702

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$1,215,763	26	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$1,215,763	26	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$0	\$8,624	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$8,839	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
\$0	\$82,595	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$83,575)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$1,912)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$34,869)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$30,000	0	Other Adjustments - Professional Services equipment to upgrade agency database
\$0	\$1,225,465	26	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$1,225,465	26	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$1,225,465	26	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

OTHER CHARGES

\$18,800 Office of Telecommunications Management Fees

\$18,800 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$34,500	Replacement of various data processing equipment
\$3,200	Replacement of four photocopiers
\$3,000	Replacement of ten safety lights and other equipment
\$3,895	New data processing equipment
\$38,000	Replacement of two automobiles
\$30,000	Professional Services equipment to upgrade agency database
\$112,595	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS